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GREEDY JOHNNIE.

HE HAS GOT A LOT OF GOOD THINGS, — BUT HOW LONG CAN HE KEEP THEM TO HIMSELF?

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TO A STAR.

E'EN FOR a week or more I saw your face
Where'er I turned my eyes. Its pictured grace
And beauty won my soul. You I adored!
At last you came! More than I could afford
I paid to see you through the footlights' glare.
I rose free from infatuation's snare,
And in my heart was disappointment rife —
You 're lovelier in lithograph than life.

Wood Levette Wilson.

IN SOUTH AMERICA.

THE PROFESSIONAL REVOLUTIONIST.—It's no use! I've seen a dozen of them, and not one will go into my conspiracy.

HIS WIFE.—How is that? I thought they were all bitterly opposed to the Government.

THE REVOLUTIONIST.—They are; but every one of them has a conspiracy of his own.

REASONABLE.

FIRST CITIZEN.—Suppose the Commission should decide in favor of Venezuela by a vote of three to two. Do we fight?

SECOND CITIZEN.—I should think not. It is equivalent to capital punishment for some of us, and the victims are certainly entitled to a new trial if the jury can't agree.

A CHANGE OF BASE.

NEW YORKER (on business trip to the Windy City).—What's become of the men who once sold the ground Chicago stands on for forty dollars and a silver watch?

CHICAGOAN.—They've all emigrated to South Africa, and are telegraphing it back from there about the site of Johannesburg.

JOHN BULL has been greatly provoked of late, but thus far the only foe who has provoked him beyond endurance is the King of Ashanti.

PERFECTLY SATISFIED.



MR. FEATHERWEIGHT (coasting).—Want to change places?



STILL ONE DANGER.

FRIEND.—And are you now out of danger?

CONVALESCENT.—No; the doctor says he will pay me two or three more visits.



MR. POUNDS.—No; thank you!

DISCOMFORTING.



I FEARED THAT Polly's welcome might
Display a tone of stern reserve
To me to-day: 't would be but right,
For grave disfavor I deserve.
But Polly chats right cheerily,
And Polly sings and hums and purrs,
As blithely as her kettle does,
The while the two are making tea.

I'm glad her ditty bears the ring
Of welcome that the kettle's hum
Seems always heartily to sing;
In fact, I'm very glad I've come —
But, then, the kettle's cozy buzz
But serves in jollity to hide
How bubbling hot it feels inside —
Good Lord! supposing Polly's does!

Layton Brewer.



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IN KANSAS.

"That was a powerful interestin' debate at the littery society, last night."

"What was it about?"

"Whether the microbe is more injurious than the cyclone."



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THE PRODIGAL SON.

MR. ISAACS (at the skating rink, excitedly).—S' hellup me Fadder Apraham! Dat poy vas neffer learnt nuttings. He neffer vill get de vort' of his moneys, any dimes.

MRS. ISAACS.—Vat 's der matter, Fadder?

MR. ISAACS (in agony).—Vy, schoost look at him! I bays me feefty cents fer him to skate on der ice, and he goes apout on von foot most of der dimes.

LIKELY TO GET OUT.

STRAWBER.—Why do you think you will have any trouble in keeping the engagement secret?

SINGERLY.—I had to tell the girl, did n't I?

A MARKED DISTINCTION.

MISS REDINGOTE.—Distinguished? Yes—but—he is a rum-seller, is n't he?

MISS MERVEILLEUX.—Not at all. He is a wholesale liquor-dealer.

ALL WOOL, TOO.

WANDERING WILLY.—We orter be t'ankful on sich a cold night as dis dat we are, in der words of der song, "Locked in der Stable Wit' der Sheep." Dere jest de same as blankets in der rough.

HAPPY HOURS.—Yep; regular creature comforts, as it were.

SAFE SECRETS.

HE.—It would n't be the correct thing to tell what happened at the lodge.

SHE.—No; and it would require some recollection of what *did* happen.

WOULD N'T DO.

MRS. DAY.—I thought you had made your plans to send your Harry to Yale.

MRS. WEEKS.—I had, but it would n't do; you don't know what a fright he is in blue.

WILLING TO RISK IT.

JACK.—Scientists are agreed that kissing is an alarming source of disease.

JESS.—Ye-es; er—the doctor says I'm entirely too healthy to be interesting.

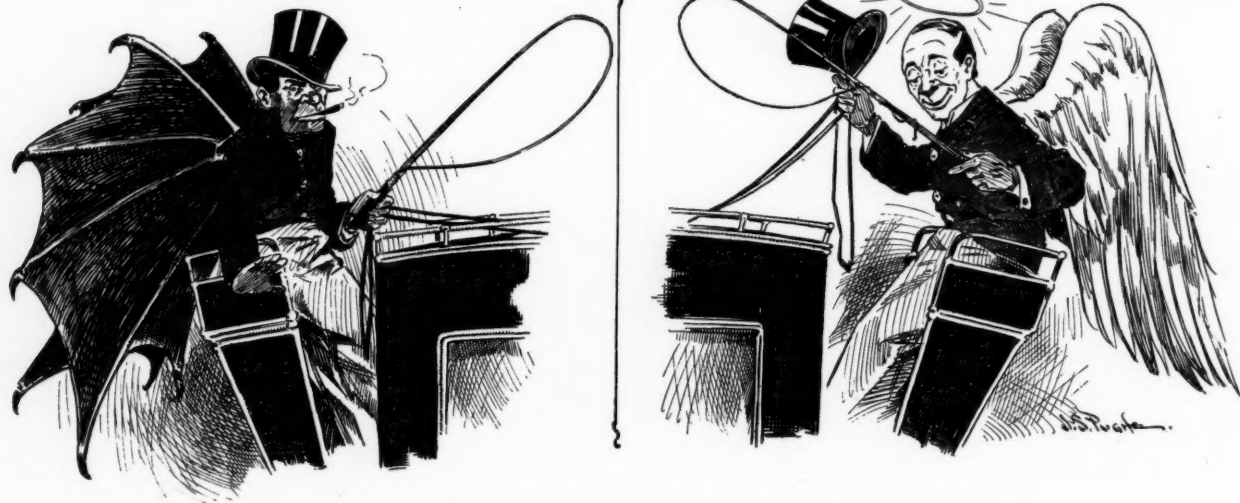
FRUITION.

He had written many jokelets on the whims of womankind, He thought the girls were funny, until Cupid made him blind; And then of his enthrallment to a regal maid he spoke — She thought that *he* was funny; then he did n't see the joke.



THE NEW YORK CAB DRIVER —

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BEFORE — AND AFTER THE BICYCLE CRAZE.

THE FUTURE OF TOMMY HUNT.



MR. DIOGENES HUNT and his wife, Philharmonica, rejoiced greatly when they found that their little son, Tommy, evinced a decided preference for a life of godliness.

Mr. D. Hunt and his wife P. were not particularly godly persons on their own side; but, none the less, it filled their hearts with glad forebodings when little red-haired Tommy joined the Sunday-school class and insisted on regular attendance.

Diogenes was a plain, business man, and his wife, if not a business man, was at least plain. Consequently, they preferred to remain at home on the Sabbath day, Diogenes to read the 178 pages of the *Daily Bazar*, and his wife to comb little Jenny's hair, and then to spank her because she cried, and then to spank her because she cried when she spanked her, and then to spank her because she cried when she spanked her because she cried when she spanked her. She spanked her more than this, but the English language is too awkward and involved to permit me to indite all the spankings and reasons.

But, as I was saying, although the Hunt family remained in its nest on the Sabbath, it was well pleased to find Tommy showing an interest in religion, and every Sabbath Diogenes gave his promising heir a dime to drop in the envelope; for Tommy took a worthy pride in informing his family that his class was the banner class for collections.

When Tommy grew a little older he asked his father's permission to join the "S. & D. of the S. & A.," and Diogenes gladly granted his wish; and, in addition, contributed an extra dime each Sunday for the treasury of the Sons and Daughters of the Saints and Angels.

Soon after this Tommy took to reading books of sermons and volumes on the conduct of life, and began a regular morning and evening attendance at church, at the same time continuing to attend faithfully

both his Sunday School and the S. & D. of the S. & A.; and, as his father could well afford it, and did not wish his Tommy to appear as a pauper in the eyes of the church people, he gave him each Sabbath a dime for the morning contribution and a dime for the evening contribution.

It was at this time that Diogenes and Philharmonica took to discussing little Tommy's future, and they unanimously resolved that he was intended for the ministry. Such a faithful church-attendance could point in no other direction, and they were very happy in having selected that future for him, for Tommy did not seem to be a very bright boy, and in the ministry his goodness would more than outweigh his dullness.

Soon after having made this decision, Diogenes met the minister of the church which Tommy attended, and broached the subject of his resolution. The minister seemed highly pleased. He dwelt on Tommy's sincerity and faithfulness in attendance, on his mild and modest demeanor, and praised him highly for his studiousness.

"I am glad, Mr. Hunt," he said, "that you have decided to make a shepherd of this little lamb. I have often thought of broaching the subject to you; but, — you will pardon me, — I have hesitated, for I felt that if you had ever had any desire in that direction you would have been, at least — ah — more liberal, and have given Tommy — ah — at least a copper now and then to contribute to the good cause."

Diogenes walked on in silence; but he was thinking sixty miles a minute.

When he reached home he called Mrs. Hunt.

"Philharmonica," he said, "where is Tommy?"

"In bed," she answered.

"Diogenes drew out the box in which Tommy kept his playthings, and there, in a marble-bag, was \$19.70, all in dimes.

"Philharmonica," said Diogenes, sternly, "we can not afford to waste Thomas on the ministry. I will take him into my office to-morrow morning. Thomas will be one of the greatest financiers this country has ever known."

And Philharmonica fell on his neck and wept for joy.

Ellis Parker Butler.



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BEFOREHANDED.

DAUGHTER. — Charley Huggard kissed me last night.

MOTHER (indignantly). — That is outrageous! Did you sit on him for it?

DAUGHTER. — I was.

JERSEY LIGHTNING has been known to strike several times in the same place.



MY LADY.

MY LADY's charms seem not so fair
When each is viewed alone;
And he who numbers them with care
To criticise is prone.

Like petals are her graces
rare;
For, plucked, they lose the
power
To kindle rapture, which
they share
When blended in a
flower.

F. S. Bailey.

AN ENVIABLE POSITION.

JIMMY, THE RAT.
— Me mudder was up
ter see me brudder Mike
in Sing Sing, yistiddy. He's

ter be executed in two weeks; and, say, wot yer t'ink? he's got so fat she says yer would n't know 'im!

CORGY, THE LUSH.—Aw! why would n't he? — gettin' his t'ree good meals a day an' nuttin' at tall ter worry 'im!

THE SILVER HILL BAZOO ON THE MODERN NOVEL.

The editor of this paper is in receipt of a stylish-looking book with yellow-and-green covers and the title, "The Woman Who Spoke Not." The party who sent us the book encloses a printed slip on which he says: "Will you kindly review this little tale and tell your readers what you think of it?" We will. We regret to say that we found the little tale a woeful waste of time.

It seems that the writer of "The Woman Who Spoke Not" is also the author of the works, "The Swearless Oath," "The Prize-Fight That Occurred," "Bradunsky Balungo; or, The Yankee From France," "The Sun Was Sinking In the Sink," and "The Silent Oration; or, Words Without Sound."

We concede that the author might possibly have been ingenious enough to make fair reading of these other stories, but when it comes to "The Woman Who Spoke Not," he wears us. We confess to an appreciation of good literature; it is our delight to peruse real earnest shooting and detective stories, Old Sleuth preferred; but we never did take much stock in the kind of yarn that tries to tell why things are as they are n't, and that everybody knows is a lie from start to finish.

The book ain't worth borrowing.

Fred. Ladd.



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IN BOSTON.

MAMA.—You know, Emerson, they say a watched pot never boils.

EMERSON (conducting his chemical experiments).—I have heard that, Mama; but if the temperature is sufficiently high, I can not see how mere observation can retard the process.

WANTED A SQUARE DEAL.

DR. KILSUM.—Now, Freddy, if you're a good boy and swallow this medicine, I'll give you a dime.

FREDDY.—Not much you won't! Dad says you charge him five dollars every time you come here; so if you want me to help you out you'll have to go halves.

BENEFITS FORGOT.

The saying, "it's the clothes that make the man,"

Is a maxim that ev'ryone knows;
Yet how often it is we forget what is due
To the man who makes the clothes.

HE OBJECTED.

"Mr. Gilley, I'm very sorry, but I can't marry you," replied the maiden, sorrowfully;
"but I'll be a sister to you."

"No, you won't!" replied Mr. Gilley.
"I've got more sisters now than I need.
Between the four of them I can't find a necktie when I happen to want one."

AMONG THE luxuries of our modern civilization is the chance to make an honest living.

BEGGAR.—Hold on! This is a bad quarter.

GRYMES.—Well, you can get rid of it as easily as I did.



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THE MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES NEGLECTED.

UNCLE HOMESTAY.—I heern tell that ye went to the circus when ye was in the city, Gideon; haow did ye like it?

GIDEON GREEN.—Purty good! — but it wa'a'nt managed right.

UNCLE HOMESTAY.—Haow's that?

GIDEON GREEN.—Why, the boys did n't git around with the peanuts till the show was more 'n half over, an' there was n't a glass of red lemonade fer sale in the whole buildin'!

PRISCILLA.

(After a frost.)



H, dull regret
That clogs my heart and chills my blood!
I know the frost was in the bud —
Know now; — and, yet,
It seems to me just yesterday
That she was but a maid at play.
How could I know
That I must not now call her "Pris,"
But use the deferential "Miss?"
Though it was so.
Ah, yes! The frost was in the bud!
I got the frost — my name is Mud —
And hence my woe.

Wood Levette Wilson.

HIS GREAT MISTAKE.

THE WIFE. — When you proposed to me, John, did you think I would accept you?
THE HUSBAND. — Not the first time.
"The second?"
"I was n't going to propose but once."



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CRITICISING THE WEDDING PRESENTS.

SHE. — Law me! Dat Nancy Jones done hab sent a dozen napkins!
HE. — 'Pears to me she might hab spent de money for somethin' useful.

ON A TOO-SOLID PLATFORM.

RAZORBACK (looking over into sty). — Say, fellers! I've decided to run for office. I want you all to get out and root for me.
PORKER (sadly). — We'd like to very much; but, alas! "the pen is mightier than the sward."



EVIDENTLY NO ARTIST.

D'AUBER. — Heesel is bound to take a high position among artists.
PINXIT. — Never! He is entirely lacking in the professional instinct.
D'AUBER. — How so?
PINXIT. — Why, he had n't any complaint to make of the light in which the hanging committee had placed his picture!

JUST THE FELLOW FOR HER.

"I wonder how he ever persuaded her to marry him?"
"He told her his first wife married him to reform him, and failed."

THERE MAY be as good fish in the sea as were ever caught, but that is no satisfaction to the man whose bait is gone.



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BAD WEATHER.

CUNNINGHAM (who is going to the masquerade Ball as a Diver). — Confound it! Just my luck!
WIFE. — What's the matter?
CUNNINGHAM. — Just look how hard it is raining!

PICKINGS FROM THE INTELLECT OF LITTLE PLATO SMITH.

Some fellers is dressed up only on th' outside.
I'd rather be a boy an' have a wart than be a girl an' have a Psyche knot.
My sister blacked her eyebrows 'fore she went t' th' club t' read a piece on shams.
Sometimes Ma tells me things 'at I'd told her a long time ago, but she would n't believe 'em.
When Freddy Muddby's mother wants t' have a real good time she goes t' a funeral.
If a feller did n't want to talk once in a while, folks would say 'at children should be heard, not seen.
My teacher printed my name in a dishonor list in a newspaper 'cause I stopped t' pull a cat out of a coal-hole an' got tardy.

Freddy Muddby's a funny feller.
When th' teacher ast him if he'd got his lesson, he said, "Yes-sum;" an' when she ast him a question he said he'd forgot it; an' that's the way he got it.

David Henry.

A CONJECTURE.

MAUD. — He is dying to be introduced to her. It is a case of love at first sight?
MAY. — Is he near-sighted?

"PRIZE-FIGHTING is such exciting sport. The uncertainty of the result fairly makes a person's blood boil."
"You mean who wins the fight?"
"No; I mean whether there will be any fight at all or not."

"SOME ARE born great;" and, in nearly every case, it was the only chance they had.



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"MAKING GAME OF HIM."



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

THE PRESIDENTIAL BEES.

HEAR THE merry hum of the Presidential bees as they flit from flower to flower in the political garden. Is it not interesting to watch the busy little creatures and to study their likings and habits? Note how they cluster most thickly about the large, showy blossoms of which the garden has lately yielded so rank an abundance. There is the Venezuela Flower, and the British Hatred, the Armenian Bleeding-Heart, the Cuban Early-Rose, and the Hawaiian Orchid. They all are exotics of the tenderest sort; and they are receiving the exclusive attention of the bees. Is this because they are so soon to perish? Oh, no! It is because the bees are afraid to go near such hardy annuals as the Free Silver plant and the Tariff plant. Occasionally they hover a moment over these last two and make a timid, fluttering dash at them, perhaps—but they never alight. They wing swiftly away to make a loud buzz about the others. You will not get one of them very near either of these native plants until after they have all met in their hives and the queen bee has been selected.

What a blunt, rugged bull-dog of a man Tom Reed is!—a big, bluff man of iron courage—or, at least, a big bluff. We think his straddle of the money question shows the most obtuse angle known to geometry. Here it is in the words of his most earnest supporter, Senator Chandler:

“He is not willing at this time to agree to the unlimited coinage of silver at the present ratio by the United States alone; but he is opposed to the gold monometallism of Cleveland and Carlisle, and in favor of Republican bimetalism, to be secured by the most feasible means and with the least possible delay, so that gold and silver, admitted to unlimited coinage at an agreed ratio, shall together constitute the standard money of the world and the universal measure of the world's values.”

A mathematician of repute reduces this utterance for us thus: “My real views on the money question are nobody's business. I'm a silver man with silver men and a gold man with gold men; and, for harmony's sake, take me any way you like me.” And that is substantially what every Presidential possibility is saying about the gravest issue of the day. Verily, the Presidential possibility is foxier than a fox.

A WORD TO THE HARDEST REFORMERS. THE HARDEST instinct that works in the human breast is the love of Liberty, the hatred of tyrannical oppression. It never quite dies. The serfs of Russia feel it, and so do the serfs of New York City and Brooklyn. The Russian serf strikes his little blow at the despot and goes gladly to his death, singing a song of freedom. The serfs of New York have been more thoroughly subdued, and it is natural that they should be more timid of revolt; but even these miserable beings still love liberty, for they discuss the wrongs of the Armenians, of the struggling Cubans, and of other oppressed peoples with an eagerness that is quite pathetic. Indeed it is hard to quit hoping that some day these two great cities will rise up and cast off the hateful yoke of hayseed tyranny,—will wrench from the neck-bewhiskered despot, as did their patriot forefathers in '76, the inalienable, God-given rights of man,—more especially the rights to drink what they please and to get a clean shave whenever their own vagrant fancies may dictate. There was lately a semblance of revolt in New York, but it was only a revolt against one band of oppressors and an invitation to another. The real despot, Hiram Hayrake, of Chautauqua County, N. Y., still wields the sceptre, and his serfs writhe under his grinding heel.

When it comes to a choice among evils, a man or a city follows that simple rule of life called “making the best of it.” The citizens of New York are powerless to alter the laws which the country legislator makes for them, but they have the power to see that those laws are not enforced. How long do Reformers think these people will stand their rule if Reform does nothing toward repealing the bad laws? Which will they prefer?—a set of honest officials that will enforce wrong laws, and seek to make other wrong laws, or a set that will allow them much of their natural freedom in defiance of the law? They left no doubt about their choice at the last municipal election. Tammany did not win more because no more was at stake. It is wrong and foolish, but they will choose Tammany with all its bribery and blackmail, rather than remain at the mercy of the meddling busybodies who seem always to get at the head of a Reform movement in this town. The friends of good government might just as well

face the truth: if Reform continues to be made ridiculous, the return of Tammany to power is inevitable.

Why should a sensitive New Yorker be subjected to the hardship of going to Brooklyn when he happens to want a glass of beer on Sunday? And why must a Brooklyn man go to New York if he would have his Brooklyn whiskers trimmed on Sunday? Brooklyn is the place to trim them and Sunday may be the only day he has. The New Yorker can evade his anti-drink law by buying a dinner. We insist that the Brooklynite should have at least the same facility for evading his anti-shaving law. Let him buy a handful of crullers and a tumbler of buttermilk and get his shave in peace,—the further purchase of an acute angle of cranberry-pie with lattice-work top to entitle him to a shampoo or a sea-foam. Although generally the purchase of food seems to condone acts that would otherwise be sinful in the eyes of the law, it is not always so, even in New York. On a recent Sabbath evening an agent of the Society for the Prevention of Others invaded a restaurant and arrested a French family,—father, mother and two children,—because they were drinking claret with their dinner. They were dragged through the streets to a station house. There the Sergeant in charge refused to be a party to the outrage, and ordered the victims to be released. The agent of the Society for the Prevention of Others did not free them until he had delivered a long lecture upon the sin of going to a place where wine may be had with dinner. This agent is still at liberty, strange to say, and we believe is highly valued by the Reformers. The latest Reform move looks to the passage of a bill forbidding any male or female person to exhibit his or her “limbs” in tights at any public resort. This would put *Hamlet* in trousers, and would effectually suppress those long gloves with which many women of good repute encase their “limbs.” Acrobats would also have to do their turns in loose skirts sewed up at the bottom, to prevent any exposure of their “limbs.” Mr. Anthony Comstock fathers this bill, and of course it is regarded in a humorous light, but it is one of the things that cause Reform to be sneered at. The people of New York are neither all good nor all bad. They are mostly decent. They do not want the foul-minded Mr. Comstock to regulate their theatrical shows; nor do they want an Anti-Vice-in-Others Society to regulate their diet. And they will not have either, even if they must put up with the corruption of Tammany to escape it. It's too bad, but it's true. The sufficiency of a word to the wise is admitted. We doubt the wisdom of the Reformers, but we give them the word, because we would like to see them do better.



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HER IDEAL.

MARIA.—I tell yeu, Joshua, this is the kind of man thet I like to see elected.

JOSHUA.—How 's that?

MARIA.—Well, instead of cavortin' raound tellin' w'at he'd deu, the paper says he just staid to home and “mended his fences.”

LOOK OUT, THERE, BOYS!

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THE BLOOMER SIAMESE TWINS.

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I.

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES THEORY.

TWO-THIRDS OF a cigarette lay on the station platform, unheeded by the passing throng.

They still had two minutes to wait before the 5:10 train for Mudhunk would be ready.

"See!" said Charley Breakhearts; "the lady came sooner than he expected. He would n't have bothered lighting it for such a short smoke."

"You're way off!" cried John Butterfingers; "he dropped it, and was ashamed to be seen picking it up."

"Both wrong," laughed Willy Knowitall; "he was a beginner and he felt himself sick, so he stopped."

Then began a friendly argument that developed into a heated debate, as each one put in new reasons for the support of his theory.

"What's de matter wid dem gents?" queried the gateman of the newsboy.

"Aw! der fightin' over a cigarette stump," he replied; "the dude saw it foist, but de udders was on to him before he could swipe it."

Percie W. Hart.

QUESTION.

WADE (*sentimentally*).—I have been thinking of the sweethearts of my youth to-day! Strange, is it not, that none of them has married?

BUTCHER.—Yes; but is that because they would have no one else, or is it because no one else would have them?

THE PRESENT PLUNDER.

LARRY THE LIFTER (*despondently*).—Well, I'm out! But I might jist as well go jump off der dock. A man dat 's bin doin' time fer t'ree years, like I has, is too far out o' der push ter ever ketch up.

KIDDY McNABB (*a friend in need*).—Not on your prison pallor! Here's a ticket good fer six lessons at der bicycle academy—in two weeks you 'll be wearn' dimunts!

ENVIRONMENT.

MAY.—Mr. Willyboy lives in Boerum Place, Brooklyn.

MABEL.—Well! never say again, "What's in a name?"

ABOUT SO.

"Great rackets this here art bizness is!" exclaimed the maid, in an angry voice. "Missus hez got a Venus in ther parlor 'th both arms broke off above th' elbers, an' then she comes out an' docks me a dollar fer chippin' jes one han'le offen this slazy, little old tea-cup."



THE GREAT objection to most of the fine writing of the present day is that it is n't fine reading.

"MAN WANTS but little here below"—some people, indeed, are even satisfied with themselves.

THAT MAN has horse sense who knows when to bridle his tongue.



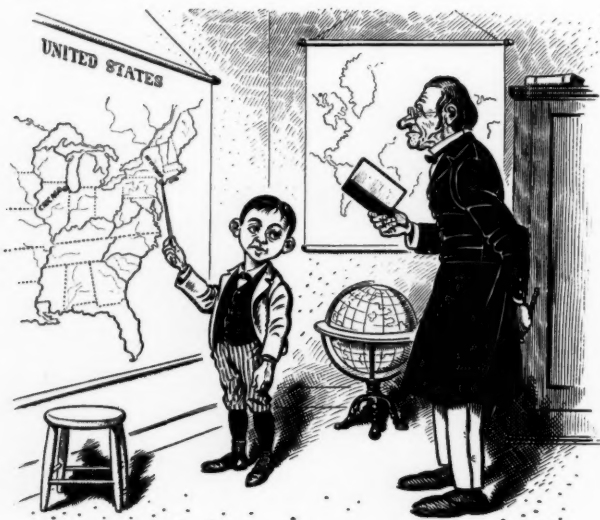
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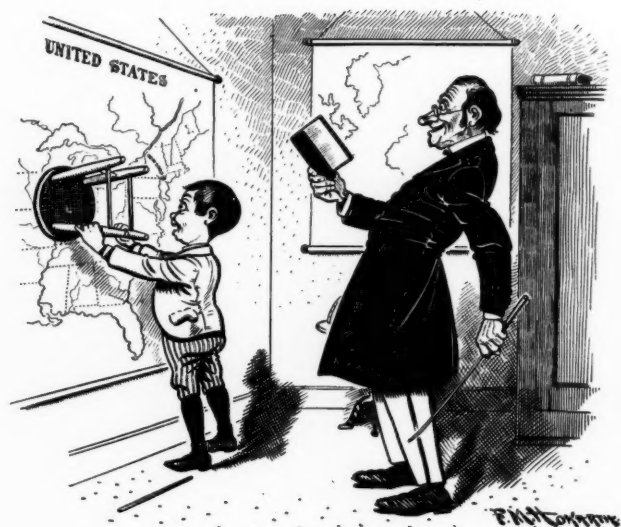
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THEIR IDEA OF IT.

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CHICAGO TEACHER.—James, point out New York.
CHICAGO BOY.—There it is, sir!



CHICAGO TEACHER.—Now point me out the great city of Chicago.
CHICAGO BOY.—There it is, sir!

FIRST S
thinks of
tell him p
place.
SECOND
thing like
FIRST S
the rest of

THE BARN CAT.



AY, tell you what I'd rather
be,
'F I had to be an animile;—
Hoss? No.
El'phant? No,—
Nor yet a crocodile!
'F I could n't be a
human,
Make me jes' an ol'
barn cat,
'Th only 'bout a half a
tail,
An' short an ear at that.

'Cause there 's somethin' 'bout a barn cat
Allus kinda 'peals to me,
Free an' independent
Sort the way I'd like to be.

Wild 's a hawk, an' never think
O' comin' near the house,
Allus roun' the barn an' fields,
'Th an eye out fur a mouse.

Knowin' as a woodchuck,
An' gamey as a snake;
Lucky as a hired man,—
Why,— I 've seen a barn cat take

An' be a-huntin' field mice
Along in harvest time,
An' git run right through the binder.
Say,— I would n't a gin a dime
Fur the hull nine lives o' that ere cat,
But I 'll tell you what he did:

Ca'mly crawled out o' the bundle
When the reaper had got by,
'Th a nice fat groun' mole in his mouth
An' only short an eye.

Tamest 'long 'bout milkin'-time,—
Come a-rubbin' roun' yer knee,
An' a-purrin' an' a-rollin'
Jes 's clever 's can be,

Sort o' beggin' fur a feller,
Jes' to milk a little stream
On the ground, 'r in a sasser;—
Had a barn cat once 't would seem

To fairly ast you fur to squirt
A stream o' milk into his face,
An' he 'd fix his mouth an' ketch it,—
'T was a most peculiar case.

Barn cats know when 's milkin'-time,
Jes 's well 's anyone;
Be settin' on the barn-yard fence,
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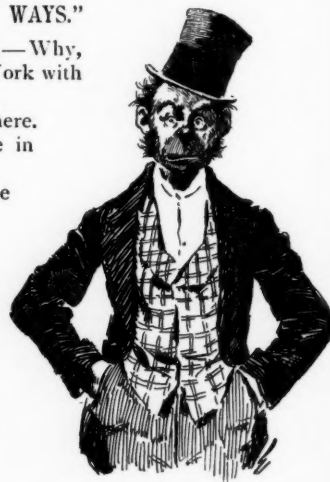
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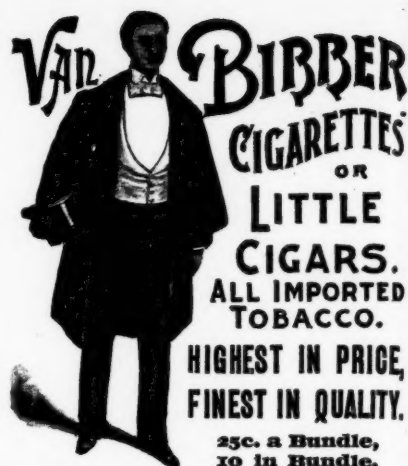


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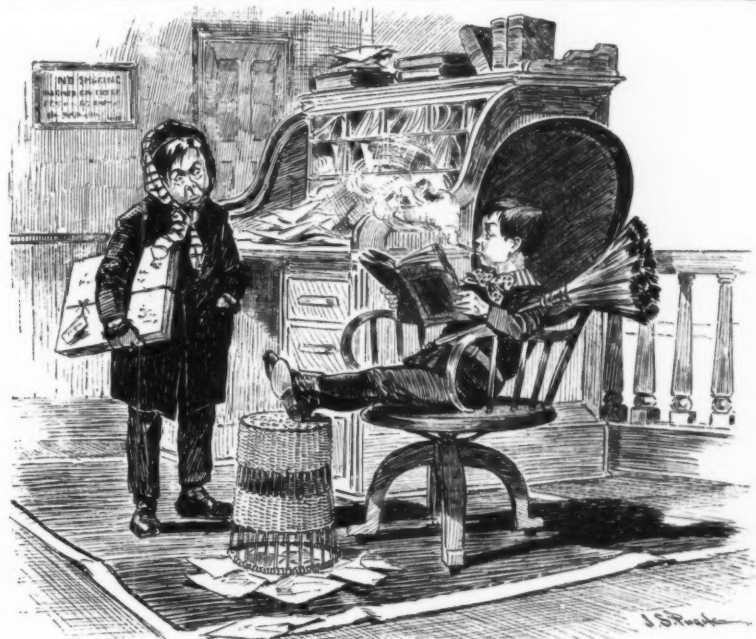
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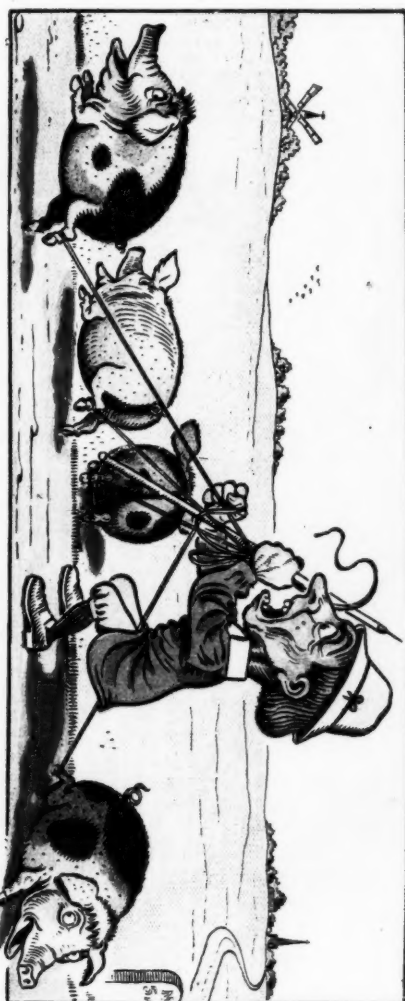
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These little pigs went to market, or, rather, they *would* n't go,
And the swineherd, vexed and sore perplexed,
Wondered they should act so.



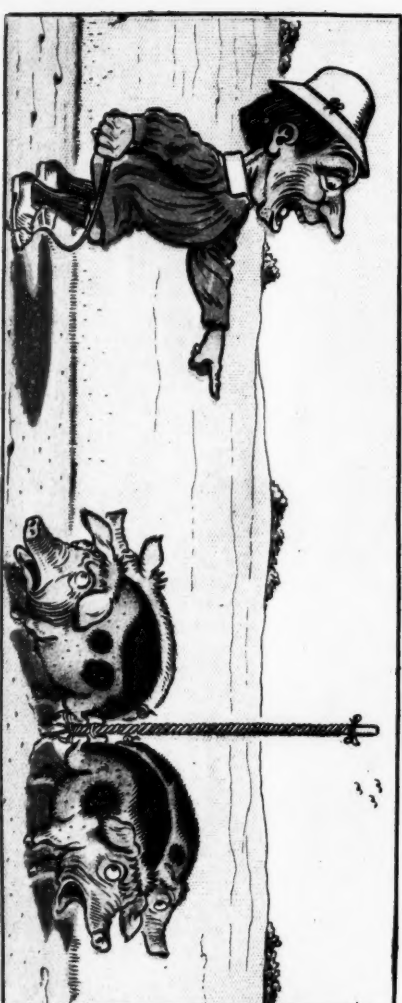
For this little pig went this way, and that little pig went that,
And he plead and swore but none of the four
But pulled the harder thereat.



Till at last the dull-witted swineherd was seized with an idea bright:
While the pigs stood still of their own free will
He drove in his pole upright.



He drove in his pole upright deep down into the ground,
And then to the mast he tied them fast
And drove them round and round.



To the stings of the whip they circled so often the pole upright,
That at length each line in closest twine
To the pole held them fast and tight.



And this is the swineherd's story, told oft by the truthful cuss,
Of how his swine who'd not lead at the line
Got their feet in a pickle thus.

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